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Group Art Unit 3651

Application No.: 10/619,082

Examiner Richard Ridley

Attorney Docket No.: 0034-P02938US1:

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For: MODULAR CONVEYOR BELT

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RESUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION AND REQUEST FOR REVIVAL OF APPLICATION

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated December 17, 2004, Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application be revived. The Notice of Abandonment indicated that the application was abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter dated April 14, 2004. However, a response was mailed to the Patent Office on July 26, 2004 with a petition for a one (1) month extension and a certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a). Copies of the transmittal letter, with the Certificate of Mailing, the response, fee transmittal sheet, and postcard, as mailed are enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the check stub dated July 26, 2004.

A new check for the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost for the one month extension, is enclosed. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due. In the event that Applicant has underpaid or failed to pay any fee, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account 04-1406.

The specific facts regarding the mailing of the response and other papers are set forth in the Verified Statement (Declaration) of Dawn M. Holzwarth, which is attached as Exhibit A. Ms. Holzwarth is the person who signed the Certificate of Mailing.

In view of Ms. Holzwarth's Declaration and documents attached thereto, it is clear that there is no abandonment-in-fact because the response was timely submitted. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the application be revived.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher A. Rothe

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

The amendments to the drawings begin on page 9.

The amendments to the specification begin on page 10.

The remarks concerning the office action and Applicant's amendments begin on page 12.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the following list, which is submitted to replace all prior listings of claims.

 (Currently amended) A support assembly for supporting a conveyor belt in a trough-shape, said support assembly being mounted on a base and being accessible from at least one side of the conveyor belt, comprising:

> a first guide element mounted on a first frame in an inclined position for supporting a one side of the conveyor belt, said first frame disposed on top of the base and removable from the one accessible side of the conveyor belt; and

a second guide element mounted on a second frame in an inclined position for supporting another side of the conveyor belt, said second frame disposed on top of the base and removable from the one accessible side of the conveyor belt, said second guide element being interconnected with said first guide element by one or more couplings to permit said first and second guide elements to be installed and removed from said one accessible side as a unit;

wherein the first frame and second frame are aligned in a row extending generally transverse to the axis of the conveyor belt, said first frame and second frame being aligned and being removable from the one accessible side of the conveyor belt.

- (Original) The support assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise one of a roller, a slider bar and a bearing block.
- (Original) The support assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise at least one roller.
- 4. (Original) A support assembly for supporting a conveyor belt in a troughshape, said support assembly being mounted on a base beneath the conveyor belt and having an accessible side and an inaccessible side comprising:

a first guide element mounted on a first frame in an inclined position adjacent the accessible side, said first frame disposed on top of the base and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt;

a second guide element mounted on a second frame in an inclined position adjacent the inaccessible side, said second frame disposed on top of the base and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt; and

a ramp for supporting the second frame beneath the belt adjacent the inaccessible side, said ramp being slidable on the base between a disengaged position, in which the second guide element is moved outwardly and away from the belt, and an engaged position, in which the second guide element is positioned beneath the belt,

wherein, upon displacement of the ramp to the disengaged position, a clearance is formed between the second guide element and the conveyor belt

that permits movement of the second frame and second guide element down the ramp and beneath the conveyor belt for removal from the accessible side of the conveyor belt.

- (Original) The support assembly of claim 4, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise one of a roller, a slider bar and a bearing block.
- 6. (Original) The support assembly of claim 4, wherein the first and second quide elements each comprise at least one roller.
- 7. (Currently amended) A support assembly for installation beneath a conveyor belt having an accessible side, said support assembly comprising:

a track beneath the conveyor belt and extending generally transverse to the orientation of the conveyor belt;

a first guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the belt, said first guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt; and

a second guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the conveyor belt, said second guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt, said second guide element being interconnected with said first guide element by one or more couplings to permit said first and second guide elements to be installed and removed from said one accessible side as a unit;

wherein the first and second guide elements are aligned along the track in a

generally vertical orientation and are slidable beneath the belt to facilitate removal of the guide elements from beneath the belt.

- 8. (Original) The support assembly of claim 7, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise one of a roller, a slider bar and a bearing block.
- (Original) The support assembly of claim 7, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise at least one roller.
- 10. (Original) A support assembly for installation beneath a trough-shaped conveyor belt supported in a trough-shape and having an accessible side and an inaccessible side, said support assembly comprising:

a track beneath the conveyor belt and extending generally transverse to the orientation of the conveyor belt;

a first guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the belt, said first guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt;

a second guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the conveyor belt adjacent the inaccessible side of the conveyor belt, said second guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt; and

a ramp for supporting the second guide element beneath the conveyor belt adjacent the inaccessible side, said ramp being slidable on the track between a disengaged position, in which the ramp and second guide element are movable outwardly and away from the belt, and an engaged position, in which the ramp and second guide element are positioned beneath the belt,

wherein, upon moving the ramp to the disengaged position, a clearance is formed between the second guide element and the conveyor belt that permits movement of the second guide element down the ramp and along the track to facilitate removal of the second guide element from the accessible side of the conveyor belt.

- 11. (Original) The support assembly of claim 10, wherein the first and second guide elements each comprise one of a roller, a slider bar and a bearing block.
- 12. (Original) The support assembly of claim 10, wherein the first and second quide elements each comprise at least one roller.
- 13. (Original) A support assembly for installation beneath a conveyor belt supported in a trough-shape and having an accessible side and an inaccessible side, said support assembly comprising:

a track beneath the conveyor belt, said track extending generally transverse to the orientation of the conveyor belt;

a first guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the belt, said first guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt;

a second guide element mounted in an inclined position beneath the

conveyor belt adjacent the inaccessible side of the conveyor belt, said second guide element slidably supported on the track and removable from the accessible side of the conveyor belt;

a third guide element mounted in a generally horizontal position beneath a central portion of the conveyor belt between said first guide element and said second guide element, said third guide element being pivotally connected to said second guide element to facilitate installation and removal of the second and third guide elements as a unit.

- 14. (Original) . The support assembly of claim 13 comprising a ramp for supporting said second guide element beneath the conveyor belt adjacent the inaccessible side, said ramp being slidable on the track between a disengaged position, in which the ramp and second guide element are movable outwardly and away from the belt, and an engaged position, in which the ramp and second guide element are positioned beneath the belt, wherein, upon moving the ramp to the disengaged position, a clearance is formed between the second guide element and the conveyor belt that permits movement of the second guide element down the ramp and along the track to facilitate removal of the second guide element and third guide element from the accessible side of the conveyor belt as a unit.
- 15. (Original) The support assembly of claim 13, wherein each guide element comprises one of a roller, a slider bar and a bearing block.
- 16. (Original) The support assembly of claim 13, wherein each guide element

comprises at least one roller.

17. (Currently amended) The support assembly of claim 13, wherein the <u>first</u>

second guide element is <u>coupled</u> pivotally connected to said third guide
element to facilitate installation and removal of the first, second and third guide
elements as a unit.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please add proposed Fig. 15, which is attached at the end of this paper, to the drawing figures. No new matter is presented in proposed Fig. 15.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as indicated below. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Please add the following paragraph immediately after paragraph [0023]:

[0024] Figure 15 is an elevational view of an alternate conveyor belt support in accordance with the present invention, shown supporting a conveyor belt in a trough-shaped manner.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph:

[0026] Referring to Figures 1-15 [[1-14]] in general, and to Figure 1 specifically, a support apparatus or assembly in accordance with the present invention is shown and designated generally as 10. The support 10 is mounted on a substantially linear base member 14 and is configured to support conveyor belt 12 in a trough-shaped arrangement. The support 10 may be used in conjunction with a plurality of adjacent supports spaced beneath the length of a conveyor belt.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following paragraph:

[0047] The terms and expressions which have been employed are used as terms of description and not of limitation. There is no intention in the use of such terms and expressions of excluding any equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof. It is recognized, therefore, that various modifications are possible within the scope and spirit of the invention. For example, the first side frame may be connected to the center frame by an optional coupling, <u>as shown in Fig. 15</u>, similar to

the coupling between the center frame and the second side frame. In Fig. 15, an alternate support 110 includes a first side roller 121, a second side roller 131 and a center roller 141. The first side roller 121 and center roller 141 are connected by a coupling 154, and the second side roller 131 and center roller are connected by a similar coupling 142. Support 110 has many of the same components described in connection with Fig. 1. Therefore, elements in Fig. 15 that correspond with components in Fig. 1 are identified by the same reference number used in Fig. 1 plus 100.

REMARKS

In the April 14, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7-9, 13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,427,828 (East et al). The Examiner objected to claim 14 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4-6 and 10-12 were allowed.

The April 14, 2004 Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In view of the amendments presented herewith, and based on the following remarks, Applicant believes that the instant application is now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Applicant's claimed invention is taught by East et al. Applicant respectfully disagrees. East et al does not teach a support assembly with coupled guide elements, which allow installation and removal of guide elements together as a unit from one side of the conveyor belt. In fact, East et al teaches the exact opposite. East et al discloses a "segmental impact idler" with three detached idler segments 14, 16 and 18 that move independently. (Col. 2, lines 6-11; Fig. 2).

In light of the distinction noted above, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 7 to recite a support assembly having first and second guide elements, wherein the second guide element is interconnected with the first guide element by one or more couplings to permit the first and second guide elements to be installed and removed from one side of the conveyor belt as a unit. East et al does not teach a

support assembly with coupled guide elements, as noted above. Therefore, claims 1 and 7, as amended, are not anticipated by East et al. The amendments to claims 1 and 7 are supported by sections of the specification, including original paragraph [0047], which describes the use of couplings connected between the first side frame and second side frame. Therefore, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1 and incorporate all the elements of claim 1. Moreover, claims 8 and 9 are dependent on claim 7 and incorporate all the elements of claim 7. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 are allowable over East et al for at least the same reason recited in regard to claims 1 and 7 being allowable.

The Examiner has failed to explain how claim 13 is anticipated by East et al. To establish a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the Examiner must show that the cited reference teaches each and every element of the claim(s) under rejection. Claim 13 recites a first guide element, second guide element and third guide element, where the third guide element is pivotally connected to the second guide element to facilitate installation and removal of the second and third guide elements as a unit. East et al does not teach such pivotally connected guide elements. Instead, East et al teaches a "segmental impact idler" with three detached idler segments 14, 16 and 18, that move independently. (Col. 2, lines 6-11; Fig. 2). Therefore, claim 13 is not anticipated by East et al under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this rejection and allow claim 13.

Claims 14-17 are dependent on claim 13 and, therefore, incorporate all the elements of claim 13. Therefore, claims 14-17 are allowable over East et al for at least the same reason that claim 13 is allowable. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the

limitations of the base claim. Applicant will defer rewriting claim 14 until the Examiner has an opportunity to consider Applicant's above-stated remarks concerning claim 13. In the event that the Examiner maintains the rejection of claim 13, Applicant will reconsider rewriting claim 14 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 17 has been amended to effect an editorial revision to correctly identify the "first guide element", which was incorrectly identified as the "second guide element". Claim 17 originally recited "wherein the second guide element is pivotally connected to said third guide element." The pivotal connection between the second and third guide elements was already recited in claim 13, which is the base claim for claim 17. Applicant did not intend to repeat this limitation in claim 17, since that would not differentiate claim 17 from claim 13. Applicant intended claim 17 to recite a first guide element coupled to the third guide element. This intent is shown by the last part of claim 17, which describes installing and removing the first, second and third guide elements as a unit. Installing and removing the first and third guide elements in a unit would not be possible without some type of connection or physical link between the first and third guide elements. The correction to claim 17 is supported in sections of the specification, including original paragraphs [0008] ("[t]wo or more rollers may be connected together during installation and removal of the rollers") and [0047] (describing "an optional coupling between the first side frame and center frame"). Therefore, no new matter is added by amended claim 17.

Drawings

The coupled arrangement recited in amended claim 17 is adequately described in sections of the Specification, including original paragraphs [0008] and [0047].

Persons having ordinary skill in the art would not need a drawing to understand this

arrangement, since a similar coupled arrangement is shown and described in connection with Fig. 1, which shows a hinge 42 between the rollers 31 and 41.

Therefore, Applicant believes that the coupled arrangement mentioned in the original specification is adequately described.

Applicant is submitting proposed Fig. 15 in the event that the Patent Office believes that the coupled arrangement recited in claim 17 is not sufficiently shown in the original drawings. Fig. 15 illustrates a support assembly 110 with a coupling 154 consistent with the coupling described in claim 17. The assembly of Fig. 15 is identical to the assembly shown in Fig. 1, with the exception of the coupling 154. Coupling 154 is supported in sections of the specification, including original paragraphs [0008] and [0047], as stated above. Therefore, no new matter is added in proposed Fig. 15.

Specification

Applicant has amended the Specification to reflect the addition of proposed Fig. 15. In particular, Applicant added one paragraph to identify proposed Fig. 15, and replaced two paragraphs with paragraphs that make reference to proposed Fig. 15. No new matter is added by the amendments to the Specification.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments, proposed new drawing and remarks, the Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes that issues remain regarding the allowability of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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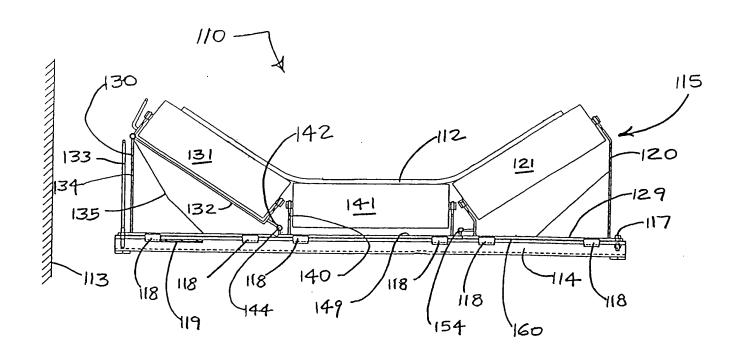


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1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee 1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee	1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1002 340 2002 170 Design ming lee	1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	<u></u>
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee	1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	<u> </u>
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee	1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
	1453	1,030	2453	660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE	1501	1,030	2501	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	1809	770	2809	9 380	Filing a submission after final rejection	
1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3					(37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	1810	770	2810	U 380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	1801	7 00	2801	3 00	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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